



Advisory Announcement
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**SOUTHEAST ALASKA GOLDEN KING CRAB PERSONAL USE FISHERY
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Douglas... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced that the 2020/2021 Southeast Alaska personal use golden king crab fishery in Registration Area A (Southeast Alaska) will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2020. The Northern Area, East Central Area, Mid-Chatham Area, and the Lower Chatham Area [5 AAC 34.107(a)(d)(e)(f)] will remain closed to golden king crab personal use fishing. Alaska residents fishing for golden king crab must have an Alaska Department of Fish and Game 2020/2021 Southeast Alaska Regional Personal Use King Crab Permit [5 AAC 77.664(a)] in their possession.

The permit is free and available through the department's online store at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/. Personal use fishermen must sign their permit in ink to make it valid and have the permit along with a current sport fishing license in their possession while taking part in personal use king crab fisheries in Southeast Alaska. Regional personal use king crab permits are valid for golden king crab in all open areas. Permits must be filled out each time king crab pots or ring nets are retrieved (or dive gear is used) whether king crab are harvested or not. Permit holders are required to report their harvest either online any time at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Harvest/> or by turning in the completed permit at the end of the season.

Survey and Fishery Information:

Golden king crab may be taken from July 1 through June 15 [5 AAC 77.664(c)(2)]. The bag and possession limit for all species of king crab in combination (including golden king crab) is three crab per person, however the bag and possession limit for red and blue king crab has been reduced to one red or blue king crab. Because the red and blue king crab bag and possession limit has been reduced the bag limit for golden king crab is three crab, or two crab if the fishermen also possesses one red or blue king crab. The department used golden king crab commercial fisheries data from 2019 to set bag and possession limits and determine open areas for the golden king crab personal use fishery in Southeast Alaska. Golden king crab stocks in the Northern Area, East Central Area, Mid-Chatham Area, and the Lower Chatham Area [5 AAC 34.107(a)(d)(e)(f)] cannot withstand the level of personal use harvest prescribed in regulation (Figure 1).

Closed Area Descriptions

- Northern Area [5 AAC 34.107(a)]: all waters of Section 11-A, Section 13-C, and Section 13-A in Peril Strait east of Point Kakul at 57°21.83' N lat, 135°41.42' W long, and all waters of Districts 12 and 15.
- East Central Area [5 AAC 34.107(d)]: all waters of Section 11-D, District 10, and District 9 east of a line from Kingsmill Point at 56°50.00' N lat, 134°25.17' W long, to Point Gardner at 57°01.00' N lat, 134°37.00' W long, all waters of District 8 north of the latitude of Blaquiere Point at 56°35.00' N lat, all waters of Section 6-A, and all waters of District 5 north of the latitude of Point Baker at 56°21.53' N lat.
- Mid-Chatham Strait Area [5 AAC 34.107(e)]: all waters of District 9 north of the latitude of Point Ellis at 56°33.67' N lat, and west of a line from Kingsmill Point to Point Gardner.
- Lower Chatham Strait Area [5 AAC 34.107(f)]: all waters of District 9 south of the latitude of Point Ellis at 56°33.67' N lat, and that portion of District 13-B south of the latitude of Redfish Cape at 56°18.67' N lat.

Other Information:

For additional information visit the Southeast Alaska Personal Use King Crab Fishery web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=PersonalUsebyAreasoutheastkingCrab.regs>. Please refer to 5 AAC 77.664 in the 2019-2020 Statewide Subsistence and Personal Use Fishing Regulations booklet for additional regulations regarding personal use red and blue king crab fishing, or view the regulations online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishregulations.commercial>.

Analysis of 2020 golden king crab commercial fisheries data will be completed by mid-December. Any changes to the 2020/2021 Southeast Alaska personal use golden king crab fishery will be announced at that time.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C1320.

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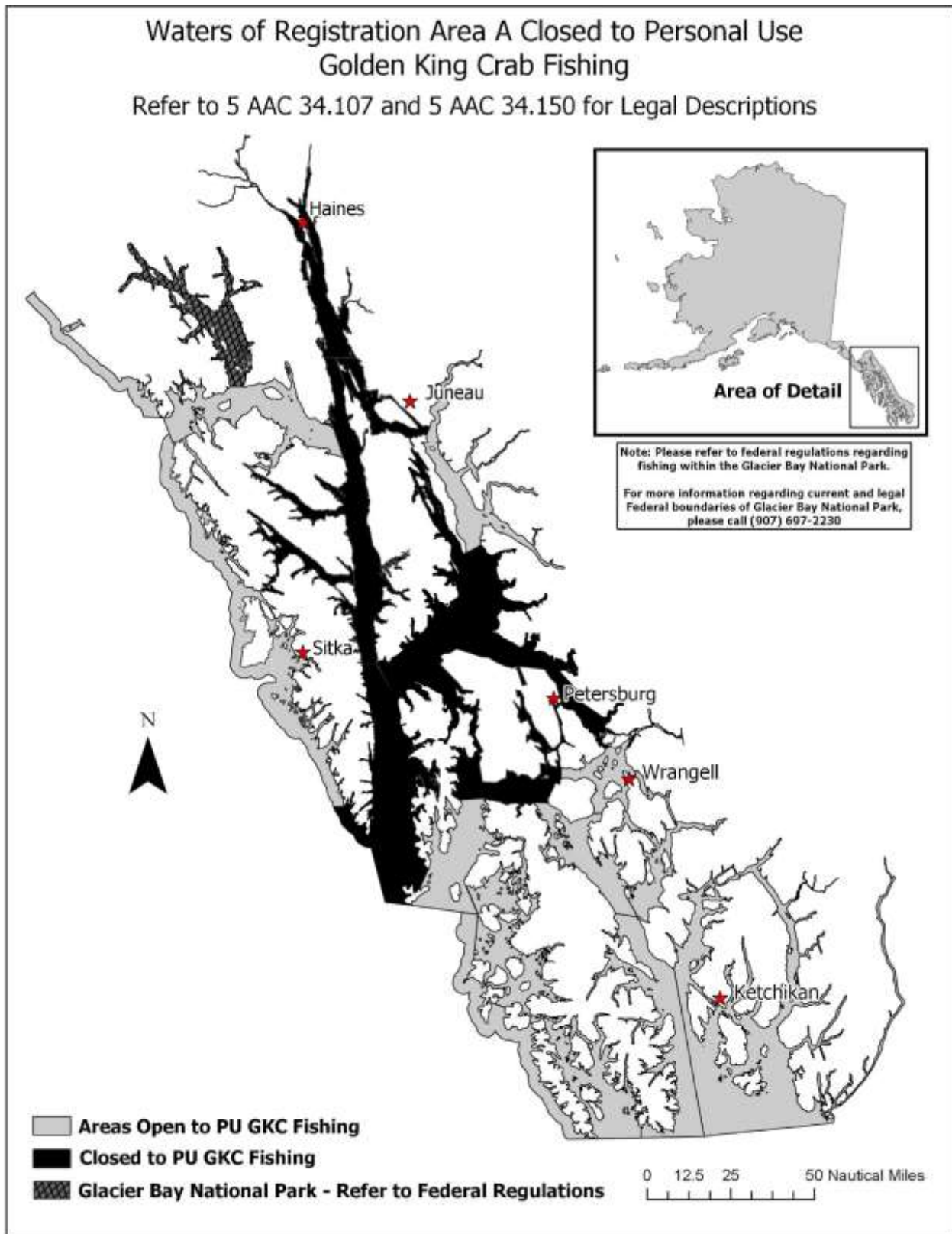


Figure 1. This map shows closed areas for the 2020/2021 golden king crab personal use fishery and is for reference purposes only. Please refer to text in this advisory announcement for legal descriptions of management area boundaries and other details.